

LEE TELLS ABOUT BREAK WITH OTHER UNIONS IN REGARD TO THE STRIKE

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LEE WANTED TO TELL TRUTH TO HIS MEN

Testifying Before Railroad Labor Board at Chicago, the Head of the Trainmen Said He Wanted a Flatfooted Rejection of Plan to Re-open Negotiations

Chicago, Oct. 26 (By the Associated Press).—Ben W. Hooper, member of the United States railroad labor board, conducting the hearing called by the board to investigate the threatened railroad strike, to-day called W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, to the stand and questioned him concerning the strike order.

Lee told how the strike vote was taken and the walkout ordered. He told the board he withdrew from the joint meeting of the other unions because their strike resolution covered questions he did not think were involved.

"I took the position," Lee said, "that for once in my life, at least, I wanted to tell the truth to my men about the facts as I saw them."

Lee read into the record a circular letter sent to his men while they were voting on the strike, in which he pointed out that wages must come down and that four million unemployed men were seeking jobs.

Mr. Lee declared the differences between himself and the other unions arose when he insisted on a "clean-cut statement" pointing out there was no possibility of re-opening negotiations with the roads, using the strike vote as a club, because the labor board, and not the roads, had ordered the wage cut.

Judge Barton predicted the hearing would be completed by Thursday noon. At 12 o'clock the board recessed until 2 o'clock.

The union men were given choice of seats at the hearing, which was held in the Coliseum, with the 130 railroad executives seated in the rear. Numbers of women were present.

Chairman Barton ordered a roll call of the union presidents, the presidents of the 165 railroads and also the union general chairmen on each road.

The roll call came to a halt when President Warren S. Stone of the engineers objected to the activities of several photographers. Chairman Barton explained he had no control over the movie men.

"Well, if you have no control over them I can put one of my strong arm squads in here and clear them out in two minutes," Stone said.

The five union presidents declared they reserved the right to represent their general chairman inasmuch as several railroad presidents had answered for absentees. The chair did not rule on the point and a roll call of the general chairmen of the engineers started. As road after road was called there was no answer.

When more than half of the list had been called and only two men had answered, Chairman Barton halted the secretary and asked any engineers' chairman present to stand and give their names. The members of the executive committee were the only ones to respond.

When roll call was completed, Chairman Barton proceeded to read his statement.

HARTNESS PROPOSES TO MAINTAIN ORDER

And Also to Feed and Protect People of Vermont in the Case of Railroad Strike

Governor James Hartness yesterday authorized the following statement:

"In case of a railroad strike, I will use all the resources at my command to maintain order as well as to feed and protect the people of Vermont during the emergency."

This was read before a conference of the public safety committee yesterday afternoon, after which the membership of the committee on plans for public safety was announced by Rev. Francis M. Jones.

The members are Herbert T. Johnson, state adjutant general; Col. Ernest W. Gibson, 1st regiment; V. N. G. Guy W. Bailey, president of the University of Vermont; Paul D. Moody, president of Middlebury college; and Charles A. Plimley, president of Norwich university.

A Bye-Bye Product

"Your son is the product of a university, I take it," said the polite visitor.

"Well, sort of a by-product," replied his host. "He was fired out of two of 'em."—Boston Transcript.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR BLACKS IN SCHOOL

Was Advocated by President Harding in Address at Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 26.—The right of the American negro to broader political, economic and educational advantages based on a pride of race but never on an aspiration for social equality, was championed by President Harding here to-day in a plainly worded enunciation of his views on the whole American race problem. These are some of the principles on which the president appealed to the nation to "lay aside old prejudices and old antagonisms" and give support to a constructive policy of racial relationship.

"Politically and economically there need be no occasion for great and permanent differentiation, provided on both sides there shall be recognition of the absolute divergence in things social and racial."

"I would say let the black man vote when he is fit to vote; prohibit the white man voting when he is unfit to vote."

"I wish that both the tradition of a solidly Democratic south and the tradition of a solidly Republican black race might be broken up."

"I would insist upon equal educational opportunity for both."

"Men of both races may well stand uncompromisingly against every suggestion of social equality. This is not a question of social equality but a question of recognizing a fundamental, eternal, inescapable difference."

"Racial amalgamation there cannot be. Partnership of the races in developing the highest aims of all humanity there must be if humanity is to achieve the ends which we have set for."

"The black man should seek to be and he should be encouraged to be the best possible black man and not the best possible imitation of a white man."

The president's address, which drew him from Washington on his first extended trip to the south since inauguration, was delivered at a semi-centennial of the founding of the city of Birmingham. It was devoted almost exclusively to the race question, although Mr. Harding took occasion to praise the south for its industrial recovery and to renew his faith in the world leadership of a re-united nation.

"IDENTIFICATION" IS DISCREDITED

Because Address Given Was of Address Found to Be Fictitious

New York, Oct. 26.—With another promising set of clues broken down, the police started afresh to-day in their efforts to identify the dismembered body of a young woman found in a pond at Long Island City last Saturday and to trace her slayer.

"Positive" identification of the victim as Bertha Becker, a domestic, died last night by a woman who gave the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Richards of Jersey City, was overturned when the police learned that the address given by the woman was fictitious.

A stained butcher's knife and a nightgown bearing brownish spots, found on the victim and regarded as possible clues were eliminated when an analysis showed the stains were rust rather than blood.

Apparently the only hopeful material the police had to work on to-day was two shirts which had been wrapped about the victim's body. These bore laundry marks which were traced to a Long Island City laundry.

Fulson Wheeler Died Oct. 18, Aged Nearly 90 Years

Fulson Wheeler passed away at the home of Joseph Barcomb Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 18. Mr. Wheeler was nearly 90 years of age and had spent nearly all his life in Woodbury. Although he had seemed to be in failing health for some time, the end came quite suddenly. He was ever bright and cheerful, with a pleasant smile and kindly words for friends and acquaintances. The body was taken to Woodbury Center for burial.

Mrs. Carrie Benjamin of East Calais was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Lura Bancroft, Wednesday.

Several of the ladies of Stowe Relief corps, No. 25, motored to Williams-town Wednesday to attend the district meeting.

Grant Fair was in Hardwick on business Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Dailley spent the week end with friends in Barre.

Mrs. Claude Young is in Kent's Corner, caring for Mrs. Vern Graham and baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes and grandson of Montpelier were Sunday visitors at Freeman Lawson's.

Miss Louella Kettell and Miss Alice Hefner were recent visitors in St. Albans.

T. H. Magner of Burlington, district manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., was in Barre yesterday on business.

A. M. Flanders estimates damage to his car in a collision with a car driven by Joe H. Neal of Plainfield last Monday in Barre at \$25. The running board, one rear fender, and one rear wheel were damaged and the body scratched. The accident occurred when Neal's Overland backed out of a garage into the street.

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BEER MAKING PERMITS SOON

Will Be Issued Under the New Treasury Regulations

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—Issuance of permits to brewers for the manufacture of medical beer under the new treasury regulations will proceed with promptness and dispatch, Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair made statement to-day.

Operation of the regulations promulgated on Monday, Mr. Blair said, would be devoid of red tape and without undue delay. Brewers have only to apply to their state directors, he explained, in order to obtain the necessary permits.

Brewers who have violated the prohibition law, Mr. Blair stated, would be unable to obtain these permits, but in his opinion, he added, there were not a great many of these.

Instances of the purpose of closed breweries by companies formed for their operation under the new regulations, Mr. Blair declared, would be thoroughly investigated before permits to manufacture medical beer would be issued. Where the transaction was not a "blind" but a bona fide business venture he said he could see no reason why such concerns should not operate under the treasury regulations.

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OVER MILLION LOOT IN MAIL ROBBERY

And the Total Stolen in New York City May Be Nearer Two Millions

New York, Oct. 26.—Belief that the loot in Monday night's daring mail truck heist would exceed \$1,000,000, was indicated by postoffice authorities to-day, following a partial check of the contents of the five stolen pouches, which from other sources it was learned that the total might exceed \$2,000,000.

It was reported that a \$500,000 consignment of currency was included in the stolen mail, but this was not confirmed by postoffice authorities. A reward of \$5,000 for each of the robbers, dead or alive, offered by Postmaster General Hay, intensified interest in the mail heist.

CHURCH CELEBRATED

West Brookfield and East Brattleboro Society 50 Years Old

East Brattleboro, Oct. 26.—The arrangements for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the organization of the West Brookfield and East Brattleboro church reached a perfect completion Sunday morning with the usual services at the West Brookfield church, in charge of the present pastor, Prof. C. V. Woodbury. The sermon of the morning was by Rev. S. C. Bushnell, one of the first pastors of the churches, and a devotional service was given by Rev. E. E. Robbins, secretary of the Vermont State Sunday School association.

Evening services were held in the East Brattleboro church with the following program: Voluntary; doxology; and anthems by the choir from the Congregational church in Northfield, led by Mrs. V. Woodbury; sermon, "Fundamentals," by Rev. L. G. Chase of Wilder, a former pastor. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Clark of Brookfield.

Monday, Old Home day, found the West Brookfield church packed with friends from away and ministers from neighboring towns, each one bringing cheerful messages. The following clergymen responded to the call: Rev. Mr. Clark of Brookfield; Revs. G. O. Howe and E. H. Moore of Randolph; Rev. Averill of Keeseville; and Rev. L. G. Chase of Wilder. Addresses were given by C. C. Merrill of Burlington and J. B. Estee of Montpelier. A pleasing solo was rendered by Pearl Boynton of Brookfield. Dinner was served to all at 12:30, followed by a social hour.

Much credit can be given Prof. and Mrs. Woodbury and the committee for their efforts in making the event a perfect success.

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STUCK BY SHIP AND ARE SAVED

Captain and Mate of the Schooner Taken Off Wreck

Chatham, Mass., Oct. 26.—The four-masted schooner Henry F. Kreger was a wreck on Pollock Rip Shoals to-day and seven of her crew, adrift in a small boat, were missing. The schooner, bound from Walton N. S., for New York, stranded on the shoals in the early morning, pounded so heavily that she was abandoned by all but her captain and mate, and broken in two after the latter were taken off by coast guards.

Captain Edward L. Joyce of Medford said the seven men who left the vessel did so against his orders. Mate Edgar W. Perry of Sandwich alone stood by him. Those who went off in the small boat, torn away from the schooner's side by heavy seas before they could get their dunnage aboard, were William Scott of Eastport, Me., the cook, and Louis P. Lima, Rufus L. Opps, Manuel S. Masso, Michael L. Brett, Arthur Santos and Clarence Corbin, the six latter negroes, whose names were unknown to the skipper. Their boat was last seen going over the shoals, Captain Joyce said.

The Henry F. Kreger, carrying a cargo of plaster rock, had been coasting down the cape shore in the early morning hours when Captain Joyce sighted the lights on the shoals. He turned it successfully after a tussle with the increasing north wind and tumbling seas, and then ordered the small sails up again. It was while he was watching the setting of the sails, he said, that the schooner, caught by the contrary currents that cross the Rips, was forced aground.

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JACK POWERS FINED \$2,000

Run-Runner Stays in Jail in Lieu of Paying Up

Burlington, Oct. 26.—John L. (Jack) Powers was brought into United States district court yesterday morning before a large number of spectators, pleaded guilty to eight violations of the Volstead act, and was fined \$2,000. He will be committed to the Chittenden county jail for a period of 30 days, and then, as he claims he cannot pay the fine, will no doubt take the poor debtor's oath, and will be released. Powers, however, has been in jail for nearly four months awaiting trial.

Arthur "Submarine" Baker, one of Powers' alleged right-hand men, was also brought in, charged with violating the Volstead act. He pleaded guilty, and was given a 30-day stretch in the county jail.

In yesterday's case Victor Cohen of St. Albans and Alburg Cohen runs a store in both of these places. He pleaded guilty to violating the "Sahara" laws and was fined \$25.

Komsta Mikko pleaded guilty to violating the United States immigration laws and was fined \$10 and sentenced to one day in the Chittenden county jail.

BILLION-DOLLAR BANK

Proposed by Vanderlip as Aid to Central Europe

Warsaw, Oct. 26 (By the Associated Press).—Plans for the establishment of the "Bank of United States and Europe," which would have a capital of \$1,000,000,000, were presented to President Pilsudski and Minister of Finance Michalski by Frank A. Vanderlip, the New York financier, yesterday. Under Mr. Vanderlip's plan, subsidiary banks would be established, and exchange of products between nations would be on the dollar basis.

"I am not offering a panacea," said Mr. Vanderlip last night, "but I am a doctor offering a prescription in aid of Central Europe. I am not representing any group or government. The institution would be governed by nine trustees, five American and four European. Under this control the nations would establish banks to issue dollar notes, backed by a gold reserve, for trading purposes."

Mr. Vanderlip left last night for Berlin.

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STACY—MARIN

Pretty Wedding at St. Monica's Church This Morning

A very pretty wedding was solemnized this morning at the St. Monica's church, when Leonide Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hormidas Marin of 3 Laurel street, and Henry Stacy of Green street, Montreal, P. Q., were united in marriage by Father P. M. McKenna.

The bride wore a white satin gown with white veil caught by orange blossoms, and carried bridal roses. The bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Eva Marin, wearing a dress of pink and white tulle, with a black picture hat to match, and carried white carnations. The best man was Al Messer of Montreal.

Relatives and near friends of the couple were present, and after the ceremony the group repaired to the home of the bride on Laurel street and a wedding breakfast was served. The room was prettily decorated in autumn leaves and ivy.

They were the recipients of many very handsome wedding presents. These consisted of cut glass, silver, money and linen, besides many smaller presents.

This morning the couple left by automobile on wedding trip to Montreal, where they will be given a reception this evening by the brother of the groom, Will Stacy.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Poirier of Montreal, Mrs. John Peary of Shelburne, Mr. and Mrs. George Baulier of Burlington, Mrs. Mary Poirier of Montreal and Mrs. M. E. Henes of Shelburne.

The bride is well known about Barre, having lived here for some time. The groom is a resident of Montreal, where he runs a wholesale fruit store. The couple will reside in Montreal.

BOARD OF TRADE NETS \$300

As Result of Benefit Performances at Magnet Theatre

Board of Trade day at the Magnet theatre, yesterday, was an overwhelming success and it is estimated that over \$300 was realized. For three years the management of the theatre will devote one day each year to the benefit of the Board of Trade, this being the first year. The enthusiasm at the afternoon performance hasn't been equalled for a long time in Barre for nearly 500 children, parents and friends, gathered in the mountainous Katkiska and the laughing trolley brought down a thunder of uproarious applause and for mighty shout Reynolds sang "Little Crumbs of Happiness" and "Barrel of Fun" and it goes without saying the audience was appreciative.

At the two evening shows the theatre was packed. The boys of Barre part of the American Legion provided a rare delicacy of black-face comedy. Ralph Oliver, Eldon Ball, Walter Knutson, James Booth, Peter Morgan, Chris Bjorn, Charles Gray and George Stevie Smith, respectively, were both heard out in the last few hours by the team from ward three, led by Leo Sanguinetti.

Sales by the four teams are as follows: Ward 3, \$602.25; ward 1, \$640.00; ward 2, \$295.36; ward 4, \$18.20.

After four intensive days of ticket selling for the show the four competing teams of Spaulding high school pupils closed their contest at 6 o'clock last evening. The two leading teams of yesterday from ward one and ward two, led by Leo Sanguinetti and George Stevie Smith, respectively, were both heard out in the last few hours by the team from ward three, led by Leo Sanguinetti.

The following grand jurors have been drawn for the sitting: J. G. Willey of Berlin, Matthias Cannon, Jr., of Northfield, Edward J. Bartlett of Plainfield, R. M. Hoyt of Cabot, George Davis of Waterbury, George Daniels of North Montpelier, Alfred Brazier of East Montpelier, C. C. Nelson of Fayston, Fred Wilder of Waitsfield, J. P. Greenwood of Warren, E. W. Gilman of Marshfield, Luther Russell of Middlebury, D. J. Drivell of Montpelier, O. Wilcox of Moretown, W. B. Clark of Waterbury, Robert B. Tassie of South Woodbury, John R. Wilson of Worcester and F. L. Herrick of Roxbury.

Witnesses were subpoenaed to appear at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Fred B. Thomas, state attorney for Washington county, appeared for the state and presented the evidence.

SEVERAL SMELLED LIQUOR

Both Before and After William Steward Was Taken to Hospital

The defense in the case of Eva Steward, administratrix, vs. M. H. McAllister and A. A. Boyce, owner of the Worthen block in Washington, continued their efforts in Washington county court to-day to show that William Steward had been drinking liquor shortly before he fell down stairs and sustained a fatal fracture of the skull one night last winter.

Dr. William E. Lazell of Barre testified to finding a large swelling on the right side of Mr. Steward's head but stated that in his opinion death resulted from a fracture at the base of the skull, caused by the fall. Asked if he smelled liquor on Mr. Steward, the witness said he thought he did.

Miss Mildred Boyce, a nurse at the Barre City hospital, testified that she smelled liquor on the patient, especially when he vomited. Mr. Steward was not conscious, she testified. Asked if it was not unusual for an injured person to vomit, Miss Boyce said it was not unusual.

Miss Gwendolyn Pitkin, assistant superintendent at the hospital, stated that she did not notice any smell of liquor until after the patient vomited.

A. W. Badger of Barre, an undertaker, who carried the man from the Worthen block to the hospital, testified yesterday afternoon to smelling liquor strongly as he lifted the body from the floor and also later, both before and after the body was taken to the hospital. The smell caused a discussion at the hospital, he testified. Witness testified that he helped to undress Mr. Steward at the hospital and that the man's underclothing was soiled and wet.

When Mr. Badger arrived at the scene of the accident, Mr. Steward was lying at the bottom of the stairs with his head downward. There was plenty of light, he testified, although witness could not say what the source of the light was.

HAD GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fildel of Montpelier Entertained